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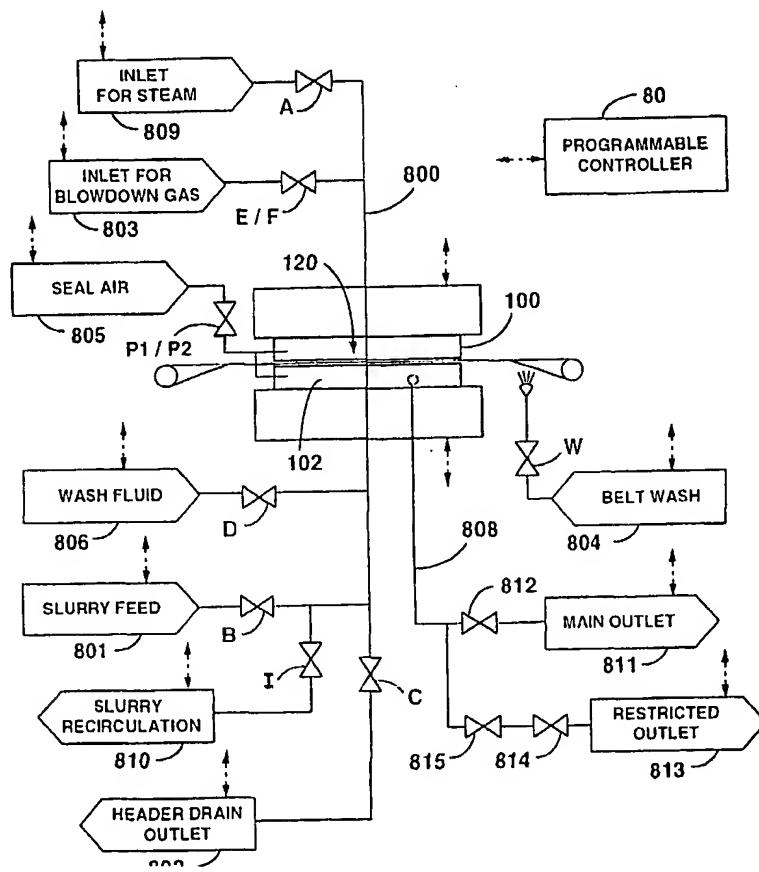
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	US 5,527,458 A (GEHRMANN et al.) 18 June 1996, see entire document.	1-5,14,20-21 ----- 16,18

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